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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Rainer Treptow
SERIAL NO: 10/001,762
FILED: October 31, 2001
FOR: Method and Apparatus for Tempering Specimen
EXAMINER: Dwayne K. Handy GROUP: 1743

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004 (a request for a two-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 34-45, and 50-63 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 46-49 would become allowable upon having been

rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 46-49 is noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: